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## Viewing cable 04THEHAGUE686, DUTCH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE 2009 KAZAKH

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#04THEHAGUE686**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">04THEHAGUE686</a>	<a href="#">2004-03-17 15:44</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy The Hague</a>

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<http://kaztag.kz>

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 000686

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/16/2014

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SUBJECT: DUTCH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE 2009 KAZAKH  
OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP

REF: STATE 55059

Classified By: ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR NATHANIEL DEAN FOR REASONS 1.  
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(C) Acting PolCouns made ref tel demarche to MFA OSCE Task Force Policy Advisor Petra Smulders on March 17. Smulders said the GONL was awaiting the results of a March 30 meeting in Astana between the GOK and EU Heads of Mission before taking a position on a "Friends of Kazakhstan." She said if the GOK does not want one, there is no need to push for one. She noted that during a July 2003 visit to Almaty then CIO de Hoop Scheffer had welcomed a Kazakh bid to lead the OSCE, but had cautioned that a lot of progress was needed before 2009. Smulders said the GONL was not certain specific benchmarks were a good idea but said its view would depend on the outcome of the March 30 meeting. The GONL would like to hear more from the Kazakhs in that meeting about their interest in leading the OSCE in 2009. She said that if Kazakhstan makes substantial progress there is still time to make a decision.  
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